(b) if so, whether the Supreme Court Bar Association is against this approach of the Supreme Court to dilute the application of RTI upon itself; and

(c) what are the considered views of Government in this regard so that such step of the Supreme Court may not become a precedent for other constitutional entities like Election Commission, CAG. etc.?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The position in this regard is being ascertained for examination in the Government.

Exploitation of women in courts

†4180. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether this fact has come to the notice of Government that incidents of sexual exploitation are increasing at large scale in the courts of Delhi;

(b) whether keeping this fact in view, a Committee consisting of Judges has been set up in District Courts where harassed women may get their complaint lodged; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Information and details in this regard have been called for from the High Court of Delhi which are awaited.

Pending cases and judges-population

4181.SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of more than 5,31,477 cases pending in High Courts for 10 years and much more in subordinate courts, the budgetary allocation of Rs. 1000 crore for 2006-07 for judicial reforms is grossly mismatched;

(b) whether the Judges population ratio in India is 10.5 judges per million persons, according to 2001 census, whereas the Law Commission prescribes 107 judges per million; and

(c) whether as an interim measure, Government would consider raising the judge-strength five-fold from 10.5 to atleast 50 judges per million?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.